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TOPIC Soviet Troops in SZOMBATHELY

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1. Five or six Soviet tanks arrived in SZOMBATHELY (P 48/C 78) by rail, local residents reported. The tanks moved from the railroad station towards the Heroes Garden.

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2. a. A convoy of eight 3-ton trucks was seen moving along the Rumi Street towards the city. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Each truck was occupied by about 30 troops, wearing black epaulets and armed only with rifles. Four or five officers were seen with the convoy.

b. Local residents stated that the same truck convoy had passed through the city three or four times since 7 October 1949, always hauling troops in the same direction.

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3. About 40 Soviet troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed marching from the Cavalry Barracks to the Gendarmerie Barracks. They were armed with rifles and carried rolled blankets over their shoulders.

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4. A new Soviet storage house, guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets, was observed on Ernuszt Kelemen Street, near the gutted orphanage. Sacks were piled in front of the house, which had not been previously occupied by Soviets.

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The jeep [REDACTED] and the truck [REDACTED] were observed in front of house No. 1 on Monved Square. Boxes were unloaded from the truck. Local residents said that a "commanding officer" has long been billeted in this house.

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6. A convoy of 16 trucks, coming from SZOMBATHELY, headed east, was observed near LAPLANFA (about 4 1/2 miles south-east of SZOMBATHELY).

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7. Three Soviet troop trains were observed to leave HAJMASKER and move towards SZOMBATHELY, VIENNA and (48/D 79) in a southern direction.

25X1 Comment:

The report indicates that most of the troops from the SZOMBATHELY military post (component units of the 17th Gds Mecz Div) had not returned from maneuvers by mid-October 1949. The small details arriving in SZOMBATHELY in October 1949 are considered to have been advance parties of units which probably returned to SZOMBATHELY shortly afterwards.

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